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Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

- 1. New Patent Application Transmittal (3 pages);
- 2. Patent Application Specification, (49 pages);
- (14) sheets of informal drawings; 3.
- Application Data Sheet (3 pages); 4.
- Preliminary Amendment (4 pages) including marked up version of page 1 of 5. Specification showing changes being made (2 pages);
- 6. Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from Parent Application U.S.S.N. 09/626,939 (4 pages);
- Paper copy of Sequence Listing (15 pages); 7.
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•	Enclosed herewith is a new patent application of:								
		First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Michel Samson							
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1. =	\boxtimes	Specification 49 pages (including specification, claims, abstract)/// claims (1 independent) after Preliminary Amendment Declaration/Power of Attorney is: attached acceuted unexecuted NOT included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).							
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5.		Information Disclosure St Form 1449 A copy of each co	atement ited prior art reference						
6.		Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet.							
7		Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):							
		Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)					
		EP	EP 96870021.1	1, March, 1996					
EP			EP 96870102.9	6, August, 1996					

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8. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application N	umber	Date of Filing (day, month, year)				
US	09/626,93			2000			
Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):							
US	08/833,752 9, April		1997				
9. Priority document(s).							
10. Statement of Small Er	Statement of Small Entity Status, Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27.						
11. Microfiche Computer	Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).						
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17. Other: Application Data Entry Sheet, Marked Up Version of Page 1 of Specification showing changes being made.

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ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CC-CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR AND NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING SAID RECEPTOR

METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS WHICH BIND THE ACTIVE CCR5 CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR-

BACKGROUND

This is a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 OF U.S. Patent Application No. 08/810,028 filed March 3, 1997.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/626,939, filed July 27, 2000, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/833,752, filed April 9, 1997, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) to EP 96870021.1, filed March 1, 1996, and EP 96870102.9, filed August 6, 1996.

Field of the Invention

The present invention concerns new peptides and the nucleic acid molecules encoding said peptides, the vector comprising said nucleic acid molecules, the cells transformed by said vector, inhibitors directed against said peptides or said nucleic acid molecules, a pharmaceutical composition and a diagnostic and/or dosage device comprising said products, and non human transgenic animals expressing the peptides according to the invention or the nucleic acid molecules encoding said peptides.

The invention further provides a method for determining ligand binding, detecting expression, screening for drugs binding specifically to said peptides and treatments involving the peptides or the nucleic acid molecules according to the invention.

Technological Background of the Art

Chemotactic cytokines, or chemokines, are small signalling proteins that can be divided in two subfamilies (CC- and CXC-chemokines) depending on the relative position of the first two conserved cysteines. Interleukin 8 (IL-8) is the most studied of these proteins, but a large number of chemokines (Regulated on Activation Normal T-cell Expressed and Secreted